

Comments on Examiner Statement

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1, 14, 17, 19, 22, 29-31, 36, 37 and 39-45 in the subject application by the Examiner with appreciation. Although the Examiner did not issue a Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants agree with statements made by the Examiner during the prosecution of the present application to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. However, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce or agree in any manner as to comments made by the Examiner regarding what the prior art does or does not teach. In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse statements made by the Examiner to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Further reasons for allowance are described and set forth in the Applicants' Specification. As the Examiner's statements are not exhaustive, such statements do not establish an estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to file.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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